

A RESOLUTION celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Aviation Museum of Kentucky, the official aviation museum of the Commonwealth.

WHEREAS, a group of aviation enthusiasts organized the Kentucky Aviation Roundtable in 1978 in Lexington, seeking to preserve the aviation and aerospace heritage of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, this group, through its dedication and persistence, along with the generosity of benefactors, successfully transformed their interests into the Aviation Museum of Kentucky at 4316 Hangar Drive in Lexington at Blue Grass Airport, opening on April 15, 1995; and

WHEREAS, the Aviation Museum of Kentucky and the Commonwealth were honored on the occasion of the museum's grand opening by serving as host to the 1995 reunion of the survivors of the Doolittle Raid, a bombing mission of great courage and detrimental impact upon a determined enemy on April 18, 1942, during World War II; and

WHEREAS, the Aviation Museum of Kentucky established the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame in 1996 to recognize men and women of the Commonwealth for their achievements in aviation and aerospace, which continues to this day; and

WHEREAS, the Aviation Summer Camps conducted by the museum in Lexington and other cities in the Commonwealth have engaged 5,360 youth to explore aviation, aerospace, and the potential these have for productive careers and self-fulfillment; and

WHEREAS, the Aviation Museum of Kentucky has served, and continues to serve, as an educational and cultural resource for all citizens of the Commonwealth through its events and activities;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The Senate celebrates the 20th anniversary of the Aviation Museum

of Kentucky and invites all Kentuckians to visit, and take pride in, this institution and its efforts to preserve the aviation and aerospace heritage of the Commonwealth begun on April 15, 1995.

➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Aviation Museum of Kentucky, 4029 Airport Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40510.